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and Fort Leavenworth

COLONEL
Jay E. Johnson

Commanding Officer
U.S. Marine Corps Detachment
Fort Leavenworth, KS



Colonel Johnson was born in West Virginia and grew up on a farm in southeastern Ohio. He enlisted in the Marine Corps reserves in 1983 where he served as a combat engineer. After graduating from Ohio University in 1986, he attended officer candidate school and was then assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina serving as a platoon through company commander.

Following this tour, Colonel Johnson was assigned to Recruiting Station Louisville, Kentucky where he served as the officer selection officer.

In 1992, Colonel Johnson attended the engineer officer advanced course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and upon graduation was assigned to 3d Combat Engineer Battalion, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. During this tour, he served as the assistant operations officer, logistics officer, and engineer support company commander.

In 1995, Colonel Johnson was assigned to Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood where he was a small group instructor for the engineer officer advanced course and company commander, engineer equipment instruction company.

In 1998, he was assigned to 8th Marine Corps District in New Orleans, Louisiana where he served as the assistant for officer procurement. Upon completion of recruiting duty, he attended Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia. From there, Colonel Johnson was assigned as the II Marine Expeditionary Force, engineer officer, where he deployed with Military Coordination and Liaison Command and served as the engineer officer and deputy J4 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

In 2003, Colonel Johnson took command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 (Workhorses) in Cherry Point, North Carolina. His command supported numerous exercises and provided detachments in support of OIF and OEF including deploying his squadron to Iraq in support of 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward). After relinquishing command, Colonel Johnson served as the plans and executive officer for Marine Wing Support Group 27.

From 2006 to 2007, Colonel Johnson attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Eisenhower) and was awarded a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. He was then assigned as the Chief of Plans and Future Operations Division, Operations and Plans Directorate at United States Joint Forces Command. In 2009, Colonel Johnson assumed command of Headquarters and Service Battalion (Beast), Quantico, Virginia. In 2011, Colonel Johnson reported to 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan where he served as the AC/S, G4, chief of staff and assistant division commander.

In July 2014, Colonel Johnson was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas which includes the Marine Corps Element at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Marine Corps Detachment at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks.

Colonel Johnson's decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Army Commendation Medal and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.